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In re Application of : Dagnachew Birru
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, and further to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

CLAIM AMENDMENTS begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 5 of this paper.